

employees of any public transit system operated pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall, in case of any dispute arising under any existing or new collective bargaining agreement relating to the terms or conditions of their employment, have the right, for the purpose of resolving such dispute, either to engage in a concerted refusal to work or to invoke the processes of final and binding arbitration as provided by chapter 572, subject to any applicable provisions of the agreement not inconsistent with law.

Whenever the commission shall directly operate any public transit system, or any part thereof, or enter into any management contract or other arrangement for the operation thereof, the commission shall take such action as may be necessary to extend to employees of affected public transit systems in the area, in accordance with seniority, the first opportunity for reasonably comparable employment in any available non-supervisory jobs in respect to such operations for which they can qualify after a reasonable training period. Such employment shall not result in any worsening of the employees position in his former employment nor any loss of wages, hours, working conditions, seniority, fringe benefits, and rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

The commission may enter into an agreement specifying fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees who may be affected if the commission should acquire any interest in or purchase any facilities or other property of a private transit system, or construct, improve, or reconstruct any such facilities or other such property acquired from any such system, or provide by contract or otherwise for the operation of mass transportation facilities or equipment in competition with, or supplementary to, the service provided by an existing transit system. Such agreement, specifying the terms and conditions of the protective arrangements, shall comply with any applicable requirements of this chapter, and with the requirements of any federal law or regulation if federal aid is involved. Such an agreement may provide for final and binding arbitration of any dispute.

Approved May 24, 1969.

CHAPTER 626—H. F. No. 499

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An act creating an interim commission to study Ramsey county government; appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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Section 1. Legislature; Ramsey county government interim commission. A commission is hereby created to study and consider the structure and organization of Ramsey county government. The study shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) The desirability of abolishing the offices of all presently elected county officials, except judges, county commissioners, and the county attorney, transferring the functions of the abolished offices to restructured administrative departments headed by officials appointed by the county board from candidates selected through competitive civil service procedures, and delegating overall business management and administrative responsibility to a full time professionally trained administrator serving at the pleasure of the county board;

(2) the redefinition of the functions of the county board so as to provide it with the power necessary to act as the policy-making body responsible for all aspects of county government, except the functions of the judiciary and the county attorney. In connection with this phase of the study, the commission shall recommend whether or not the position of county commissioner should be a full time or substantially full time position;

(3) the need for reapportionment of the districts from which the county commissioners are elected, based on the one man-one vote principle;

(4) the advantages and disadvantages of having the mayor of St. Paul continue to sit as ex-officio chairman of the county board;

(5) the appropriate salary levels for all elected and appointive county officials, and uniform personnel and salary administration policies for all county employees;

(6) recommendations necessary to insure proper coordination of county government with other levels of government, especially municipalities within the county, adjacent counties, and metropolitan area-wide units;

(7) the elimination of duplication of facilities, staff, and functions and the encouragement of joint efforts by the county government and the municipalities within the county, with emphasis on fair and proper division of financing where already combined, in such areas as:

- (a) welfare, health services, and general hospital;
- (b) police and law enforcement;

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- (c) detention facilities and correctional institutions;
 - (d) purchasing and material distribution;
 - (e) civil service administration and employee retirement and training; and
 - (f) parks, beaches, arenas and other recreational facilities other than local playgrounds and squares.
- (8) the reorganization of the judicial system as indicated by other studies already being made;
- (9) the recommendation of professional research and planning services necessary to staff all phases of county government.

Sec. 2. The commission shall consist of ten members; five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker and five members of the senate appointed by the senate committee on committees. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 3. The commission may act from the time *its* members are appointed until the commencement of the next regular session of the legislature. It shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature not later than January 15, 1971.

Sec. 4. The commission may hold meetings and hearings at such times and places as it may designate to accomplish the purposes set forth in this act, and may subpoena witnesses and records. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may purchase supplies, hire employees, and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purposes of this act. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the legislature and the revisor of statutes unless the commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Sec. 6. The county of Ramsey subject to the approval of its board shall appropriate from its general revenue fund the sum of \$20,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expenses incurred by the commission. This sum shall not be included in any

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limitation of the county authorized for any levy for public purposes. The expenses of the commission shall be approved by the chairman or such other member as the rules of the commission may provide.

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CHAPTER 627—H. F. No. 663

An act relating to drugs and medicines; permitting sales at retail of prepackaged nonprescription medicines or drugs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 151.26.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 151.26, is amended to read:

151.26 Drugs; prepackaged nonprescription products; exceptions. Nothing in this chapter shall subject a person duly licensed in this state to practice medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, to inspection by the state board of pharmacy, nor to prevent him from compounding or using drugs, medicines, chemicals, or poisons in his practice, nor prevent one duly licensed to practice medicine from furnishing to a patient such drugs, medicines, chemicals, or poisons as he deems proper in the treatment of such patient.

Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the sale of drugs, medicines, chemicals, or poisons at wholesale to licensed physicians, dentists and veterinarians for use in their practice, nor to hospitals for use therein.

Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the sale of drugs, chemicals, or poisons either at wholesale or retail for use for commercial purposes, or in the arts, nor interfere with the sale of insecticides, as defined in section 24.069, and nothing in this chapter shall prevent the sale of common household preparations and other drugs, chemicals, and poisons sold exclusively for use for non-medicinal purposes.

Nothing in this chapter shall apply to or interfere with the manufacture, wholesaling, vending, or retailing of ~~non-habit forming harmless proprietary medicines when any non-prescription medicine or drug not otherwise prohibited by statute which is prepackaged, fully prepared by the manufacturer or producer for use by the consumer,~~ and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the state or

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